

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

Senators elected to serve until Monday after the General Election in Nov. of 2020, 18 Democrats, 27 Republicans, 1 vacancy, Total—46.

ALEXANDER, Thomas C. [R]—(Dist. No. 1, *Oconee-Pickens Cos.*)—Owner, Alexander's Off. Supply; residing at 150 Cleveland Dr., Walhalla; *b.* July 25, 1956 in Seneca; *s.* the late Virginia C. and Claude N. Alexander; *g.* Anderson Coll., A.A., 1976; Clemson Univ., B.S., 1978; *m.* Lynda Gibson; Pres., Oconee Off. Supply; Pres., Cleveland Gospel Supply; past Sun. School Supt., 1979–84; mem.: Bd. of Deacons, Walhalla Presbyterian Church, 1980–82, 1984–86, Chm., 1985 and Session 1987–90, Clerk; Walhalla Lions Club, Pres., 1984–85; Lion of the Year, 1984–85; Walhalla Sertoma Club, Pres., 1982–83; Walhalla City Council, 1982–85, Mayor *Pro Tempore*; Bd. of Dirs., Walhalla Chamber of Commerce, 1980–83; Bd. of Dirs., Walhalla Downtown Assn., 1985–86, VP; Bd. of Dirs., Carolina Off. Products Assn., 1986–90; Bd., Blue Ridge Bank; House of Reps. 1987–94; prev. serv. in Sen. Oct. 11, 1994–16.



ALLEN, Karl B. [D]—(Dist. No. 7, *Greenville Co.*)—Atty.; 108 Lavinia Ave., Greenville; *b.* Oct. 13 in Greenville; *s.* Jesse E., Sr. and Maudie S. Allen; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1982, J.D., 1986; single, 1 child, Brittanie Elizabeth; admitted to U.S. Supreme Court & U.S. Dist. Court, 1992; mem., Amer. Bar Assn.; S.C. Bar Assn.; Greenville Literacy Assn.; past Pres., NABCJ; House of Reps. 2001–12; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–16.





BENNETT, Sean M. [R]—(Dist. No. 38, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Cos.)—Fin. Planner; residing at 122 President Cir., Summerville; *b.* May 13, 1968 in Charleston; *s.* Harold McLeod Bennett and Judith Moniz; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1990; Dec. 26, 1992 *m.* Tina Gabriel; 2 children, Haile Gabriel and Hayden Grace; past Pres., Summerville Catholic School Bd.; past

mem., Bd. of Dirs., Camp Happy Days & Special Times; past Chm., Greater Summerville/Dorchester Co. Chamber of Commerce, 2002–10; Bd. of Dirs., The Educ. Foundation, 2006–09; Bd., Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Govts.; past Chm. & mem., Bd. of Dirs., Charleston Regional Dev. Alliance, 2006–; past Pres., Rotary Club of Summerville, 2010; Opportunity Next Steering Com., CRDA, 2010–11; Econ. Leadership Council, CRDA, 2011; Riley Inst., 2014; Liberty Fellow Class of 2016; mil. serv.: SCARNG; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–16.



CAMPBELL, Paul G., Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 44, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Cos.)—Retired Regional Pres., Alcoa & Consultant, Paul Campbell, LLC; residing at 150 Loganberry Cir., Goose Creek; *b.* July 10, 1946 in West Jefferson, N.C.; *s.* Paul G. Campbell, Sr. and Edith Winkler Campbell; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., Chemical Engineering, 1968; Jacksonville State Univ.,

M.B.A., 1978; *m.* Vicki Garner, 3 children, 4 grandchildren; Clemson Bd. of Visitors; Engineering Adv. Council at Clemson; Bd. of Govs. for the School of Bus. and Econs. at the Coll. of Charleston; S.C. Bd. for Tech. and Comprehensive Educ.; Trident Tech. Coll. Foundation; past Chair, Bd. of Regents, Leadership S.C., 1993–95; past Pres., Summerville Rotary Club, 1989; past Pres., Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, 1992; past Pres. and Campaign Chair, Trident United Way, 1992; past Pres., Coastal Council of Boy Scouts, 1995–96; past Pres., The Materials Soc. (TMS), 1995, and Amer. Inst. of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers (AIME), 1999; Distinguished Serv. Award, TMS; past Chair, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 1999; Bd. mem., Exec. Com., Charleston Metro

Chamber of Commerce, 2002; past Chair of S.C. Manufacturers Alliance, 2004; Exec. Com., Bus. and Industry Political Educ. Com. (BIPEC); Bd. of Dirs., First Fin. Holdings and First Fed. of Charleston; S.C. Pub. Serv. Authority; recipient, Order of the Palmetto, 1998; Exec. Com., Charleston Regional Dev. Alliance; editor of "Light Metals"; received Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award; recognized by Gov. Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., as an Econ. Dev. Ambassador for S.C.; chaired Off Shore Natural Gas Exploration Com. & the Wind Energy Study Com.; mem.: Sen. Fin. Com.; Agric. and Natural Resources Com.; Transportation Com.; Corrections & Penology Com.; Gen. Com.; Jt. Bond Review Com.; Operations & Mgmt. Com.; Elder, Dorchester Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in Sen. Aug. 7, 2007–16.

CAMPSEN, George E. III "Chip" [R]—

(Dist. No. 43, Beaufort-Charleston-Colleton Cos.)—Businessman & Atty.; residing at 28 Waterway Island Dr., Isle of Palms; *b.* Mar. 30, 1959 in Charleston; *s.* the late Myrtle S. "Snap" and the late George E. Campsen, Jr.; *g.* Wando High School, 1977; Furman Univ., B.S., 1981, Phi Beta Kappa; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1988, M.S., 1989; 1987



m. Lalla Lee Laffitte, 2 children, George and Boyce; S.C. Bar Assn.; S.C. Real Estate Broker's License; 100-Ton U.S. Coast Guard Capt.'s License; Pres., Fort Sumter Tours, Inc. and SpiritLine Cruises LLC, 1985–; Campsen Law Firm, 1989–; Commercial Real Estate Broker, Batten, Hudson, and Tarrant, 1983–85; Passenger Vessel Capt., Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., 1978–82; S.C. Coll. Investment Prog. Adv. Com., 2001–02; Chm. and Spokesman, Gov. Mark Sanford's Transition Team, 2002–03; Senior Policy Advisor to Gov. Mark Sanford, 2002–03; Chm., Charleston Co. Sen. Delegation, 2006–12; Sentencing Reform Com., 2009–10; Chm., Charleston Co. Legis. Delegation, 2012–; Judicial Merit Selection Comm., 2012–; Sentencing Reform Oversight Com., 2012–; Chm., Fish, Game & Forestry Com., 2013–; Chm., Sen. Sportsman's Caucus, 2013–; Chm., Sen. Religious Freedom Caucus, 2013–; Legis. Audit Council Nominating Com.; Bd. of Dirs., Natl. Park Hospitality Assn., 2010–; Deacon, Church Council, and Teacher, East Cooper

Baptist Church; House of Reps. 1997–02; prev. serv. in Sen. 2005–16.



CLIMER, David Wesley “Wes” [R]—(Dist. No. 15, *York Co.*)—Fin. Advisor; residing in Rock Hill; *b.* Sept. 26, 1982 in Charlotte, N.C.; *s.* Mike and Kim Climer; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 2006; May 10, 2008 *m.* Martie Behrens, 4 children, Jack, Monroe, Betsy, and Henry; Eagle Scout, 1998; York Dist. Boy Scouts Dist. Com., 2011–14; York Dist. Boy Scouts Fin. Chm., 2012–;

Palmetto Council Boy Scouts Fin. Com. Chm., 2015–; Palmetto School at the Children’s Attention Home Bd. of Dirs., 2015–; Chm., York Co. Rep. Party, 2013–15.



CORBIN, Thomas D. “Tom” [R]—(Dist. No. 5, *Greenville-Spartanburg Cos.*)—Businessman; residing at 1139 Bailey Mill Rd., Travelers Rest; *b.* Jan. 11, 1965 in Greenville; *s.* the late Barbee and Gail McCarty Corbin; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1987; Dec. 12, 1992 *m.* Leann Robertson, 2 children, William and Elliott; Burban Creek Reserve, VP, 2009, Pres., 2010;

mem., Greenville CAN Adv. Bd.; mem., Deacon & Sunday School Teacher, Clearview Baptist Church; House of Reps. 2011–12; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–16.



COURSON, John E. [R]—(Dist. No. 20, *Lexington-Richland Cos.*)—Senior VP, Keenan & Suggs; *b.* Nov. 21, 1944; *g.* Univ. of S.C., 1968; *m.* Elizabeth Poinsett Exum, 3 children, James Poinsett, Elizabeth Boykin, and Harris Russell; Communicant, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral; mil. serv.: USMCR; Order of the Palmetto, 1978; Hon. Doctorate of Public Admin., The Citadel, 2006;

Hon. Doctorate of Laws, Univ. of S.C., 2007; Hon. Doctorate of Humane Letters, Coll. of Charleston, 2007; Significant Sig, Sigma Chi Fraternity; life mem., Amer. Legion & Marine Corps League; Career Leadership in Promoting Ethics

Reform in S.C. Sen. Award, Common Cause of S.C., 2013; Legislator of the Year, Common Cause of S.C. (1989) & Amer. Legion Dept. of S.C. (1993); Terry Haskins Award, S.C. Rep. Party, 2014; Distinguished Serv. Award, Marine Corps League (2003) & Greater Cola. Comm. Relations Council (2013); Sen. Rep., S.C. Counter Terrorism Coordinating Council, 2003; Friend to the Taxpayer, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers (multiple times); Palmetto Leadership Award, S.C. Policy Council, 1998; Senator of the Year, S.C. Student Gov., 1992; Guardian of Small Bus., NFIB, 2012; Bus. Advocate Award (2012 & 2014) & Public Servant of the Year (2012), S.C. Chamber of Commerce; Co-Chm., Sen. Arts Caucus; Outstanding Contributions to Art Educ. Award, S.C. Art Educ. Assn., 1987; Public Educ.—Outstanding Contributions Award, S.C. Dept. of Educ., 2005; Friend of Educ. Award, S.C. Educ. Assn., 2011; Green Tie Award, Conservation Voters of S.C., 2009; Conservationist of the Year, S.C. Wildlife Fed., 2009; elected Official of the Year, S.C. Sierra Club, 2011; Del., Rep. Natl. Convention, 1976, 1984 & 1988; Rep. Natl. Committeeman for S.C., 1980–88; S.C. Presidential Elector for Ronald W. Reagan, 1980 & 1984; State Chm., Reagan-Bush Campaign, 1980 & 1984; Re-elect Strom Thurmond Com., State Chm., 1984 & 1990, and State Treas., 1990 & 1996; Coastal Stewardship Award, Coastal Conservation League, 2016; prev. serv. in Sen. 1985–16; elected Pres. *Pro Tempore* Mar. 13, 2012, re-elected Dec. 12, 2012, resigned June 4, 2014.

CROMER, Ronnie W. [R]—(Dist. No. 18, Lexington-Newberry-Union Cos.)—Pharmacist; residing in Prosperity; *b.* Dec. 1, 1947 in Newberry; *s.* the late William R. and the late Mable S. Cromer; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1973; Aug. 30, 1969 *m.* Linda Epting, 2 children, Candace and Heather; mem.: Prosperity Town Council, 1973–80; Newberry Co. Dev. Bd., 1993–00; S.C. Bd. of Pharmacy, 1994–00; mil. serv.: Lt. Col. (Ret.), SCARNG, 30 years; prev. serv. in Sen. Apr. 15, 2003–16.





DAVIS, Tom [R]—(Dist. No. 46, *Beaufort-Jasper Cos.*)—Atty.; residing in Beaufort; *b.* May 31, 1960; *s.* G. Thomas and Yvonne C. Davis; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 1982, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Ulmer Medal; Univ. of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1985, Order of the Coif, Sobeloff Prize for Outstanding Constitutional Law Scholarship, graduated with highest honors;

Jan. 5, 1985 *m.* Reid Lawrence, 3 children, Elizabeth, Grace, and Claire; admitted to S.C. Bar, 1985; law practice of Harvey & Battey, P.A., 1985–; Chief of Staff, Gov. Mark Sanford, 2006–08; prev. serv. in Sen. 2009–16.



FANNING, Michael William “Mike” [D]—(Dist. No. 17, *Chester-Fairfield-York Cos.*)—Educator & Exec. Dir., Olde English Consortium; residing at 7825 Camp Welfare Rd., Great Falls; *b.* Apr. 4, 1967 in Columbia; *s.* Joseph W. & Janet L. Fanning; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1991; Benedict Coll., Teacher Educ. Certification, 1992; Univ. of S.C., M.S., 1996, Ed.S., 1997, Ph.D., 2008;

July 21, 2007 *m.* Stephanie Locus, 1 child, Markell; Teacher, Estill High School, 1992–94; Teacher, Cola. High School, 1994–98; mem.: S.C. NAACP, 1996–; SCEA Children’s Foundation Bd. of Dirs., 2005–, Chm., 2005–11; Fairfield NAACP, 2010–; Bd. of Dirs., 100 Men Group, 2013–; Fairfield United, 2015–, Chm., 2015–16; Chester Chamber of Commerce, 2015–; Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, 2015–; Rock Hill/York Co. Regional Chamber of Commerce, 2015–; Greater York Chamber of Commerce, 2015–; First Year Teacher of the Year, Hampton Co. School Dist. Two, Estill High School, 1993; Sallie Mae First Year Teacher of the Year Award, State Winner, Natl. Rep., 1993; Westinghouse STAR Teacher of the Year, 1993; Key Club Teacher of the Year, Cola. HS, Richland Co. School Dist. One, 1996; Estelle Parrott Teacher of the Year, Cola. HS, Richland Co. School Dist. One, 1996; Richard W. Riley S.C. Diversity Leadership Initiative Fellow, Furman Univ., 2010–11; former Sunday School Teacher & Men’s Council Pres., Lebanon Presbyterian Church, 2005–08; mil. serv.:

E-4 Forward Observer, 3rd of 11th Field Artillery, USA, Ft. Lewis, Washington; Active Duty USA, 1987–89.

GAMBRELL, Michael W. “Mike” [R]—(Dist. No. 4, Abbeville-Anderson-Greenwood Cos.)—Self-employed, M&R Enterprises; residing at 400 Filter Plant Rd., Honea Path; *b.* Jan. 10, 1958 in Belton; *s.* Aaron and Robbie Gambrell; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1980; Mar. 31, 1990 *m.* Reese V.; Palmetto Boys State, 1975; Friendship Fire Dept., Chief, 1990–06; Anderson Co. Fire Chiefs Assn., Chm., 1990–02; mem., Anderson Co. EMS Comm., 2002–06; House of Reps., 2007–16.



GOLDFINCH, Stephen L., Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 34, Charleston-Georgetown-Horry Cos.)—Atty.; residing in Murrells Inlet; *b.* Nov. 19, 1982 in Conway; *s.* Steve Goldfinch and Patricia Briggs; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 2004, M.B.A., 2006; Charleston School of Law, J.D., 2010; May 27, 2006 *m.* Renee Bodie, 2 children, Hadlee and Stephen III “Tripp”; Bd. of Dirs., Junior Achievement; Chm., Grand Strand Area Transportation Study Com.; Chm., Georgetown Co. Legis. Delegation; House of Reps., 2013–16.



GREGORY, Chauncey K. [R]—(Dist. No. 16, Lancaster-York Cos.)—Pres., Builders Supply Co.; residing in Lancaster; *b.* Mar. 18, 1963 in Lancaster; *s.* C. D. Gregory, Jr. and Eleanor Purdy Tillman; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1985; Jan. 4, 1986 *m.* Sherri Cauthen, 2 children, Marshall and Ellen Gray; mem.: Univ. of S.C. Bd. of Trustees, 2009–12; First Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 1993–08, Apr. 12, 2011–16.




GROOMS, Lawrence Kelly "Larry"

[R]—(Dist. No. 37, *Berkeley-Charleston Cos.*)—Businessman; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1987; *m.* Carol Anderson, 3 children; Christian, Saved by Grace, April 1987; Bd. of Visitors, Charleston Southern Univ., 1996–; Bd. mem., United Methodist Relief Center, 2003–08; Exec. Comm., Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 1996–08; life mem.: Natl.

Rifle Assn.; Natl. Assn. of Texaco and Shell Marketers; Significant Contribution Award, MADD, 1998; Legis. Achievement Award, Charleston More Than a Port, 2002; Commendation for Serv. to and Support of Farmers, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Legis. Appreciation Award, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Raising the Standard Award, Heritage Comm. Servs., 2003; Natl. Legis. Impact Award, Natl. Abstinence Clearinghouse, 2004; Outstanding Serv. Award, Amer. Legion Dept. of S.C., 2004; Legislator of the Year, Carolina's Independent Automobile Dealers Assn., 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Public Charter School Assn., 2004; Friend to the Taxpayer Award, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers, 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Farm Bureau, 2005; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Poultry Fed., 2006; Humane State Legislator Award, Humane Soc. of U.S., 2006; Bd. mem., Southern Methodist Coll., 2006–; Adv. Bd. mem., Natl. Council on Bible Curriculum, 2007–; Legis. Serv. Award, Sweetgrass Market Place Coalition, 2007; Palmetto Leadership Award, S.C. Policy Council, 2007, 2008; Sen. Legis. Champion Award (for outstanding leadership in the defense of faith, family, and freedom), Palmetto Family Council, 2007–08, 2011–12; Legislator of the Year, Construction Network of the Carolinas, 2008; The Westendorff Award for Serv. to Those in Need, United Methodist Relief Center, 2008; Leadership Award, S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources, 2008; Legislator of the Year, Maritime Assn. of S.C., 2008, 2009; Friend of Transit Award, Transportation Assn. of S.C., 2009; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Fraternal Order of Police, 2009; Legislator of the Year, Palmetto Charter Network, 2009; Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010; Peas and Carrots Award for improving environmental and econ. quality of life, Citizens for Sound Conservation, 2010;

Legis. Leader Award, ABATE of S.C., 2010; Legis. Serv. Recognition, Boeing, 2010; Panama Canal Authority recognition, Canal de Panamá, 2010; Boeing Leadership Award, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, 2010; 100% Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010; Golden Apple Award, S.C. Chap., Natl. Coalition for Public School Options, 2011; Political Courage Award, Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 2011; Support of Liberty Award, ABATE of S.C., 2012; Sword & Mace Award (for score of 100 for promotion and protection of the free, private, and competitive enterprise system), S.C. BIPEC, 2012; Pro-Life Legislator of the Year, S.C. Citizens for Life, 2012; Legis. Appreciation Award, S.C. Assn. of Conservation Dists., 2013; Public Servant Award, S.C. Baptist Convention, 2013; Hon. Lt. Col., S.C. DNR, 2014; Trident Tech, Champion for Econ. Dev. Award, 2015, 2016; Barrett Lawrimore Leadership Award, Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 2015; S.C. Champion of School Choice Award, 2015; past Chm., Deacon Bd., First Baptist Church, St. Stephen; Chm. & founder, S.C. Legis. Prayer Caucus, 2016–; mem., Pointe North Community Church, Moncks Corner; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 4, 1997–16.

HEMBREE, Greg [R]—(Dist. No. 28, Dillon-Horry Cos.)—Atty.; residing at 4509 Lake Cir., Little River; *b.* Aug. 21, 1960 in Ft. Leonardwood, Mo.; *s.* John H. and Mary E. Hembree; *g.* Univ. of Memphis, B.B.A. in Economics, 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; Dec. 7, 1985 *m.* Renee Robertson, 3 children, Nora Taylor, Ellen Hall, and John Isaac; 15th Circuit Solicitor (Horry & Georgetown Cos.), 1999–12; N. Myrtle Beach City Atty., 1995–99; S.C. rep. to the Natl. Dist. Attys. Assn., 2009–12; S.C. Rep. Party Local Official Award, 2009; S.C. Law Enforcement Victim Advocates Solicitor of the Year Award, 2009; Waccamaw Amer. Leadership Forum Charter mem.; Col. Lemuel Benton Chap. of Sons of the Amer. Revolution Pres., 2006–07; N. Myrtle Beach Rotary Club mem.; Grand Strand Running Club Charter mem.; Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church Elder; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–16.

